

SERC Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2011

10:00 am

ATTENDEES:

Paul D'Abbraccio, RIEMA

Steven Preston, LEPC1

Chief Fred Stanley, RIHFC

Richard James, SFMO

Jim Gumbley, RIEMA

Michael Carey, LEPC5

Jim Larisa, DLT

Gina Friedman, DEM

Dave DiMaio, LEPC3

Jeff Stevens, DOH/LEPR

Jim Gaffney, EPA

Meeting called to order at 10:00 am by Paul D'Abbraccio, State Radiology Officer.

ٸ Old Business

o Gina Friedman – Started the discussion pertaining to the draft letter. She opted to not use web links in the letter and to add handouts from NFPA and OSHA. For OSHA she suggests putting in the hazardous chemicals in lab handout. Perhaps put a similar sheet in for NFPA. Spill Sheet that can be posted in labs with instructions

on how to deal with a chemical spill. (A recent school incident involving a mercury spill neglected proper procedure). The video and references were not put in. She wants the focus of this letter to be for them to “call us”. She applied the recent suggestions to the letter and asked for comments. It will be done on the REMA letterhead. The schools need to know who to call and what to do. This is included on the “Common Mistakes made in utilization of acid storage cabinets”. Gina has seen that if schools are handed something, they are more apt to use it.

Sent out to LEPC's, Fire Departments, Department head lists for public and private schools, Diocese of Providence and whatever the full list is. Dept of Health may be able to sign on this too. Jeff will talk to Bob. Gina wants this signed and done by next meeting.

Paragraphs 3 & 4 will need the actual state statutes added to the letter. 4Right- to-Know statute and 3: Banned Chemical Statute.

Gina will be sent the reference by Richard James.

There was a question about disposing of chemicals. Chemical companies who can dispose of these chemicals should be on the list serv. The schools need a hygiene officer or call DEM. Steven Preston will resend 10- page document on common spills and clean-up. How much do they want to include and how much do they want to spend on it? There is a chem-safe listserv but it is not well used. Listserv of superintendents' access is desired. RIEMA may have it.

How to get it out? Email or Mail. It might be best to do both to underscore the importance.

Jim Gaffney would like (EPA regulations allow storage of no more than one year's supply of any one hazardous chemical) struck. It was taken from the DOH website.

Schools buy chemicals in bulk to save money. Add "Purchase only what you need within a year" to the letter.

Suggest for schools to call the fire department from 911. Maybe tell the dispatchers to direct the calls to fire departments. Something can be sent out to the Police Chief 's association. Jim Gaffney has seen a good spill response sheet at Roger Williams University that can be posted at the lab. Paul D'Abbraccio will handle getting this letter signed and finalized.

DOT will be taken from the letter.

o Steven Preston – Grant that RI has been sponsored the last 3 years.

Steven emailed Ed to make sure the sub grant was issued to Providence to the planning committee. That did not occur and it affects 12 thousand dollars. He wants to recover the grant. The grant ends on 9/30/11 and if the bill is dated before 9/30/11 the bill may be covered. If Steven is given the Grant award he can do the direct pay. Paul will contact Ed.

ٸ Planning Committee Report:

Chief Dillon not in attendance

ٸ Training Committee Report:

Not forwarded

 LEPC 1 Steven Preston

Next meeting October 20, 2011 at North Providence Public Library at 1:30. Completed district plan update. Who needs a copy? Jim Larisa and Jim Gaffney will take a copy comment on it and it can be updated.

Extended planning and training funds. Reimbursements have been submitted. New Tier 2 software has been loaded, all previous concerns will report “fail validation” and the software should be out by the end of the month.

 LEPC 2

Not present

 LEPC3: David DiMaio

HMEP money was used to send 3 members of the LEPC to the Plymouth conference. Room and registration for Cranston, Warwick, East Greenwich and RI EMA. Next meeting is in December with no date chosen yet.

 LEPC4:

9 people from Hope Valley Hazmat team and LEPC4 attended the Conference

 LEPC 5: Michael Carey

Last meeting 9/16/11 next meeting is 12/9/11 at the Middletown Police station conference room. Cannon Industries has installed a sensor

system. It has been running and testing for one month with no problems.

They need to get their electrical contract up and to tie it to the master box. They want the high alarm transmitter box to be 250 stl. Michael stepped it up to 50 ppm He will call today to see if there is money to update this and get the electrical contractor on board to meet with their fire inspector.

 New Business

Richard James asked: How does the Grant stand? Paul D'Abbraccio will ask Ed this.

 2012 FY grants:

Steven wants to look at the written conditions and assurances. The biggest priority is to establish a website for SERC because things like the letter could be directed to the website.

 DLT: Jim Larisa:

EPA Website to clarify p3

procedure for Tier 2 reporting. Jim wants to have electronic sending of information not disks and hard copies. He is still getting 2010 reports. For the 2011 year the EPA website can have the procedure be to have only electronic files sent to Jim. He will send out his letter in December rather than January. There was a partial edit on the federal website where the edit was made but the previous note of sending diskettes was left on. Jim Gaffney: EPA cannot take sand, salt or oil.

Gina suggested checking DEM's inventory list to help with Tier 2 reporting.

Jim Larisa will accept Tier 2 reports with Site plans that are e-mailed.

ٸ SERC training

Steve Preston. SERC sponsored annual workshop. It has grown over the last 2 years. Industry has provided positive feedback. Crowne Plaza was very well-attended. The next one is scheduled for January. It's a great opportunity for each chair to go over what they are looking for, regulations, etc. Gina suggested having a workshop for superintendents to come and have a presentation on chemical spill procedure in schools.

Cost will be approximately 15-20 thousand dollars.

Next meeting: November 7, 2011 @10:00am here.